

## CHAPTER 67-11-18

### CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHERS OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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**67-11-18-01. Credentials required.** For purposes of school accreditation, a school that educates students who are visually impaired must employ a teacher of the visually impaired who holds either the North Dakota teacher of the visually impaired credential as outlined in this chapter or who has been authorized by the education standards and practices board in this specialty at a level the department determines meets or exceeds the requirements of this chapter and is consistent with the North Dakota teacher education program approval standards 2000 with 2002 revisions adopted by the education standards and practices board on August 1, 2002.

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**General Authority:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-32-02, 15.1-32-09

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-32-02, 15.1-32-09; 20 USC 1412(a)(15)

**67-11-18-02. Issuing agency.** The North Dakota teacher of the visually impaired credential issuing agency address is:

Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Department of Public Instruction  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 201  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0440

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**67-11-18-03. Credential standards.** Each applicant for a teacher of the visually impaired credential must meet the standards in this section. The documentation on each standard must be verified by the department before a credential will be issued.

1. Prior to August 1, 2003, an applicant must have:
  - a. A valid North Dakota educator's professional license issued by the education standards and practices board in accordance with

North Dakota Century Code sections 15.1-13-10 and 15.1-13-23 and North Dakota Administrative Code title 67.1, based on a bachelor's degree with a minimum of a licensable major or minor or an endorsement;

- b. Recommendations from two persons who supervised the applicant during the applicant's teaching experience; and
- c. The applicant's education must include twenty-one hours of coursework specific to the teaching of visually impaired children from a state-approved program. Course preparation must include at least one from each of the following:
  - (1) Education of the exceptional student;
  - (2) Method in the education of the visually impaired;
  - (3) Introduction to orientation and mobility of the visually impaired;
  - (4) Communication with visually impaired students;
  - (5) Educational and medical implications of visual impairment;
  - (6) Student teaching of the visually impaired; and
  - (7) Education of the exceptional student or a composite of courses related to exceptionalities other than visual handicaps.

2. After July 31, 2003, an applicant must:

- a. Have a valid North Dakota educator's professional license issued by the education standards and practices board based on a bachelor's degree with a licensable major or minor or an endorsement;
- b. Provide written recommendations from two persons who supervised the applicant during the applicant's teaching experience; and
- c. Meet education standards and practices board specialty area standards for this specialty as set out in North Dakota teacher

education program approval standards 2000 with 2002 revisions adopted effective August 1, 2002.

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**67-11-18-04. Validity of credentials.** A credential authorizing a teacher of the visually impaired to teach students with visual impairments at any level is issued and is valid for the same period as the teacher's educator's professional license.

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**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-32-02, 15.1-32-09; 20 USC 1412(a)(15)

**67-11-18-05. Application process.** The application process to obtain a teacher of the visually impaired credential under this chapter is:

1. A teacher of the visually impaired credential application form provided by the department of public instruction must be submitted including the applicant's name, social security number, date, address, telephone number, educator's professional license number and expiration date, signature, employment information, academic preparation, references; and
2. A copy of official transcripts must be provided.

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**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-32-02, 15.1-32-09; 20 USC 1412(a)(15)

**67-11-18-06. Renewal requirements.** To renew the teacher of the visually impaired credential, an individual must meet the requirements established by the education standards and practices board relative to renewal of the North Dakota educator's professional license. The teacher of the visually impaired credential follows the expiration date established by the education standards and practices board. No further action is required on the part of the teacher to renew a teacher of the visually impaired credential.

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**67-11-18-07. Notification of denial.** If issuance or renewal of a teacher of the visually impaired credential is denied, the denial must be in writing and

must state all reasons for denial. The written documentation must also include requirements for completion for issuance or renewal of a teacher of the visually impaired credential.

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